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CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION BASED ON  
THE FOLLOWING PENDING PRIOR PATENT APPLICATION:

In re Application of: Gregory H. Lambrecht et al.  
Serial No.: 09/700,167  
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Title: CARDIAC VALVE PROCEDURE METHODS AND  
DEVICES  
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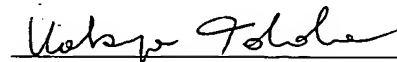
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I, James A. Sheridan, being duly registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and being duly sworn, depose and state that: I am attorney of record in the above-identified pending prior application Serial No. 09/700,167, filed 11/09/2000, and that the enclosed application is a true and complete copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/700,167 as filed, and that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior patent application Serial No. 09/700,167 introduced new matter therein.

  
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